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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I understand that USTelecom has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

As a user of an ISP (sonic.net) that delivers my broadband internet via unbundled copper I would be directly impacted in a negative way without access to UNE services. I urge the FCC not to limit or dismantle UNE-based competition in the market.

I am a senior (68) and having chosen not to own a cellphone I rely on my sonic.net broadband connection for medical, banking, shopping, and other essential activities. I also have landline phone service via sonic.net's copper service.

I believe if carriers who are competitive to the dominating telecom companies like ATT, Verizon, etc. were squeezed out of the marketplace it would be a bad deal for consumers like me as well as others.

My landline telephone and broadband internet services have been excellent with the competitive sonic.net provider and technically everything functions way better than when I was with ATT.

A healthy competitive market where small players still have a chance to provide essential and valued services at a fair price is what I urge the FCC to support. Please oppose the petition by USTelecom.

Thank you.

regards,

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